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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

In response to the Final Rejection dated September 15, 2003, rejecting Claims 33-51, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 33-55 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Warzecha et al. (DE1668347) in view of Takahashi et al. (JP 1-149801) of record. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants submit that the somewhat lengthy claims 33 and 50 as well as the complex and sometimes unclear English translations of the German document Warzecha et al. and of the Japanese document

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